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I. States parties to the Convention and its Optional Protocol

1. As at 13 September 2013, the closing date of the tenth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, there were 134 States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and 77 States parties to its Optional Protocol.

2. The lists of States parties to the Convention and the Optional Protocol are contained in annex I of the present report.

II. Opening of the tenth session of the Committee

3. The tenth session opened in a public meeting with welcoming remarks by the Chairperson of the Committee.

4. The opening statement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) was delivered by the Chief of Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, Research and Right to Development Division, who explained the events important to the work of the Committee that would take place at the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, due to start on 17 September 2013, including: the High Level Meeting on Disability and Development and the Millennium Development Goals in the post-2015 development agenda, which was to focus on increasing the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the global development goals; and the possible outcome of the treaty body strengthening process during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly. He also described the latest advancements for persons with disabilities in the broader United Nations system, such as: the draft bulletin on accessibility of the Secretary-General, which would set the ground for forthcoming work to provide accessible environments and practices within the United Nations; the adoption on 26 June 2013 of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, negotiated under the auspices of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and thereafter signed by 51 States; and the launching in May 2013 of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) *The State of the World's Children 2013* report focusing on children with disabilities, amongst others.

5. The Committee reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda and tentative programme of work for the tenth session (CRPD/C/10/1).

6. The Chairperson reported on the activities undertaken between the ninth and tenth sessions of the Committee.

7. The Committee issued a press release on the situation of persons with disabilities during the conflict in Syria.[1]

III. Membership of the Committee

8. The list of members of the Committee as at 13 September 2013, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is contained in annex III to the present report. All members attended the tenth session.

[1] The text is available from www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=13736&LangID=E.

IV. Meeting with States parties

9. The Committee held a meeting with States parties on 10 September 2013 in Palais Wilson, Geneva. The issues that were discussed included: the treaty bodies strengthening process and its implications for the Committee; the situation of overdue reports; accessibility to the Committee's meetings and to the United Nations in general; the possibility of introducing the simplified reporting procedure; the relationship between the Committee and the Conference of States Parties; and the importance of ensuring the inclusion of a disability-rights approach in the post-2015 agenda on development and disability. The following States took the floor during the meeting: Argentina, Austria, Australia, Chile, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia and Thailand.

V. Working methods

10. The Committee discussed various issues related to its working methods and adopted several decisions in that regard. The Committee:

(a) Decided not to include the text of previously adopted documents in its future biennial reports to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly (e.g. concluding observations, general comments, session reports, etc.), and to make them analytical — providing an overview of trends during the relevant period — as opposed to narrative;

(b) Confirmed its practice of requesting combined second and third reports by States parties and decided to offer this possibility to States parties the reports of which were considered at the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sessions;

(c) Decided to adopt the simplified reporting procedure with regard to State parties' periodic reports. Under that procedure, the Committee prepares a list of issues prior to the State party submitting its report, and the answers of the State party to the list constitute its periodic report;

(d) Took note of the resignation of one of the co-facilitators of the Working Group on article 12 and appointed a new Chairperson to that Working Group;

(e) Appointed new country rapporteurs for Mexico and New Zealand and confirmed the appointment of other country rapporteurs for its upcoming eleventh session scheduled to take place in April 2014;

(f) Took note of the decision of the Working Group on Communications and Inquiries to discontinue the consideration of the first submission registered under the Committee's early warning and urgent action procedures, in view of the information provided by the State party concerned.

11. The Working Group on the drafting of guidelines for the participation of disabled persons' organizations and non-governmental organizations introduced an outline for the participation of such organizations in the work of the Committee. The Draft Guidelines are due to be presented at the eleventh session.

12. The list of Working Groups members and Rapporteurs of the Committee is contained in annex V to the present report.

VI. Drafting of general comments

13. The Working Group on equal recognition before the law (article 12) submitted a proposal on a draft general comment for the consideration in plenary of the Committee, which decided to adopt it as a draft general comment. The draft general comment was to be posted on the OHCHR website as of 30 September 2013 for comments by the civil society and partners by early 2014.

14. The Working Group on accessibility (article 9) submitted a proposal on a draft general comment to the Committee in plenary, which decided to adopt it as a draft general comment. The draft was to be posted on the OHCHR website as of 30 September 2013 for comments by the civil society and partners by early 2014.

15. The Working Group on women and girls with disabilities (article 6), which is mandated to draft a general comment on the situation of women and girls with disabilities, agreed on its working methods and on a time frame for the adoption of a draft general comment, as well as on the general structure of that comment. The Working Group will report back to the Committee at its upcoming eleventh session in April 2014.

VII. Activities related to the Optional Protocol

16. The Committee adopted its Views on communication No. 4/2011, *Bujdosó et al. v. Hungary* (CRPD/C/10/D/4/2011). The case relates to the disenfranchisement of persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities of their right to vote. The communication raises the failure by the State party's authorities to eliminate discrimination on the ground of disability, and to respect the obligation to guarantee to persons with disabilities political rights, including the right to vote, on an equal basis with other citizens. The Committee found violations to article 29 of the Convention (participation in political and public life) read alone and in conjunction with article 12 of the Convention (equal recognition before the law).

17. The Committee adopted the note by the Secretary-General on actions taken with regard to all the submissions received between the ninth and tenth session. In the period covered, the Committee received 42 communications, which brings the total of submissions received by the Committee since its creation to 309. All correspondence (related to States parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities or to States that are not party to the Optional Protocol) has been acknowledged and responses sent.

18. The Committee considered the report of the Rapporteur on New Communications and the report of the Rapporteur on Follow-up to Views on Communications. The Committee also adopted its interim follow-up report with regard the views adopted in *H.M. v. Sweden* (CRPD/C/7/D/3/2011).

19. The Committee appointed a rapporteur to further examine the information related to the first submission registered under the Committee's inquiry procedure. The Committee requested the rapporteur to formulate a course of action for the Committee's consideration.

VIII. Other decisions

20. The Committee adopted the report of its ninth session (CRPD/C/9/2).

21. The Committee took a number of other decisions, which are listed in annex IV of the present report.

IX. Future sessions

22. The eleventh session of the Committee is scheduled to take place from 31 March to 11 April 2014. For the very first time, the Committee has been allocated session time for a pre-session working group which will take place from 14 to 17 April 2014.

23. The Committee decided that at its next session it would review the initial reports of Azerbaijan (CRPD/C/AZE/1), Costa Rica (CRPD/C/CRI/1) and Sweden (CRPD/C/SWE/1), and adopt lists of issues on the initial reports of Belgium (CRPD/C/BEL/1), Denmark (CRPD/C/DNK/1), Ecuador (CRPD/C/ECU/1), Germany (CRPD/C/DEU/1), Mexico (CRPD/C/MEX/1), New Zealand (CRPD/C/NZL/1) and Republic of Korea (CRPD/C/KOR/1).

X. Accessibility of the Committee's meetings

24. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to disseminate the findings of the Study of Microsoft, Middlesex University and AbilityNet on the accessibility to the Committee's meetings.

25. The Bureau of the Committee held a discussion with the President of Human Rights Council and the Chair of the Human Rights Council's Task Force on Accessibility on ways to increase their cooperation with a view to making the United Nations a more accessible environment for persons with disabilities.

26. The accessibility of Committee meetings benefited from further improvements and captioning was provided at all public and private meetings, although there were some disruptions. International sign language interpretation was provided during all public meetings, in addition to El Salvadorian sign language and Australian sign language during the dialogues with the respective countries. Hearing loops were provided by the United Nations Conferences Services to facilitate the participation of a Committee expert and were tested on a provisional basis. Further improvements have been identified, inter alia, in the following areas: accessible accommodation and services in Geneva, increased awareness of the Convention by United Nations staff members in Geneva, travel of experts, transcription of Braille documents, quality of sign language interpretation, recognition of reasonable accommodation for experts and participants with disabilities, accessibility to information, communication and technology, as well as physical accessibility to conference rooms at the Palais des Nations and Palais Wilson.

XI. Cooperation with relevant bodies

A. Cooperation with other United Nations organs and specialized agencies

27. On 2 September 2013, at its 104th meeting, the Committee met with the representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), WIPO, UNICEF, and the International Labour Organization to discuss ways of cooperation, as provided for under article 38 of the Convention. The Committee met with representatives of World Health Organization (WHO) Secretariat and provided inputs to the WHO Draft Disability Action Plan "Better health for persons with disabilities".

B. Cooperation with non-governmental organizations and other concerned bodies

28. At its 104th meeting on 2 September 2013, the Committee was addressed by representatives of the non-governmental organizations International Disability Alliance, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, Disability Council International, Association suisse d'aide aux personnes avec un handicap mental, International Disability and Development Consortium and Human Rights Watch. The Committee also met with representatives of Disability Rights Promotion International, who introduced the initial findings of its global project on monitoring the implementation of the Convention

29. During the meeting, the Committee also met with representatives of the Council of Europe and the Implementation Support Unit of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction to discuss ways to cooperate.

XII. Consideration of reports submitted in accordance with article 35 of the Convention

30. The Committee considered the initial report of Austria (CRPD/C/AUT/1) at its 105th and 106th meetings held on 2 and 3 September 2013; the initial report of Australia (CRPD/C/AUS/1) at its 107th and 108th meetings held on 3 and 4 September 2013; and the initial report of El Salvador (CRPD/C/SLV/1) at its 109th and 110th meetings held on 4 and 6 September 2013. The Committee adopted concluding observations on the reports at its 121st meeting (see the Committee's webpage at http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx).

31. As a salient development of the Committee's working methods in dealing with States party reports, the Committee accepted the participation of independent national monitoring mechanisms during the dialogue with the delegations of two States parties whose initial reports were considered during the session.

XIII. Conference of State parties to the Convention

Sixth Conference of States Parties

32. From 17 to 19 July 2013, the Chairperson and one of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee represented the Committee at the sixth Conference of States Parties in New York. The theme of the Conference of State Parties was "Ensuring an adequate standard of living: empowerment and participation of persons with disabilities within the framework of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". The Chairperson delivered a statement in which she emphasized the importance of mainstreaming disability rights in the post-2015 development agenda. She also briefed the Conference of States parties on the most recent developments in the Committee's methods of work.

33. Other experts present at the Conference intervened as speakers at various side events on persons with disabilities.

34. The Chairperson co-organized with the Chair of the Committee against Torture a side event on the "Intersectionality between the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention against Torture with relation to persons with disabilities",

at which occasion the Vice-Chairperson made a presentation on the Committee's jurisprudence.

35. At the occasion of a side event on "Disability and indigenous peoples: an ongoing challenge", the Chairperson delivered opening remarks on the topic of persons with disabilities and indigenous persons. At a side event on "The interface between ageing and disability: post-2015 development agenda", the Chairperson also delivered opening remarks on persons with disabilities and older adults.

Annexes

Annex I

States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the Optional Protocol, as at 13 September 2013

A. States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Afghanistan		18 September 2012
Albania	22 December 2009	11 February 2013
Algeria	30 March 2007	4 December 2009
Andorra	27 April 2007	
Antigua and Barbuda	30 March 2007	
Argentina	30 March 2007	2 September 2008
Armenia	30 March 2007	22 September 2010
Australia	30 March 2007	17 July 2008
Austria	30 March 2007	26 September 2008
Azerbaijan	9 January 2008	28 January 2009
Bahrain	25 June 2007	22 September 2011
Bangladesh	9 May 2007	30 November 2007
Barbados	19 July 2007	27 February 2013
Belgium	30 March 2007	2 July 2009
Belize	9 May 2011	2 June 2011
Benin	8 February 2008	5 July 2012
Bhutan	21 September 2010	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	13 August 2007	16 November 2009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29 July 2009	12 March 2010
Brazil	30 March 2007	1 August 2008
Brunei Darussalam	18 December 2007	
Bulgaria	27 September 2007	22 March 2012
Burkina Faso	23 May 2007	23 July 2009
Burundi	26 April 2007	
Cambodia	1 October 2007	20 December 2012
Cameroon	1 October 2008	
Canada	30 March 2007	11 March 2010
Cape Verde	30 March 2007	10 October 2011

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Central African Republic	9 May 2007	
Chile	30 March 2007	29 July 2008
China	30 March 2007	1 August 2008
Colombia	30 Mar 2007	10 May 2011
Comoros	26 September 2007	
Congo	30 March 2007	
Cook Islands		8 May 2009 (a)
Costa Rica	30 March 2007	1 October 2008
Côte d'Ivoire	7 June 2007	
Croatia	30 March 2007	15 August 2007
Cuba	26 April 2007	6 September 2007
Cyprus	30 March 2007	27 June 2011
Czech Republic	30 March 2007	28 September 2009
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3 July 2013	
Denmark	30 March 2007	24 July 2009
Djibouti		18 June 2012
Dominica	30 March 2007	1 October 2012
Dominican Republic	30 March 2007	18 August 2009
Ecuador	30 March 2007	3 April 2008
Egypt	4 April 2007	14 April 2008
El Salvador	30 March 2007	14 December 2007
Estonia	25 September 2007	30 May 2012
Ethiopia	30 March 2007	7 July 2010
European Union	30 March 2007	23 December 2010 (c)
Fiji	2 June 2010	
Finland	30 March 2007	
France	30 March 2007	18 February 2010
Gabon	30 March 2007	1 October 2007
Georgia	10 July 2009	
Germany	30 March 2007	24 February 2009
Ghana	30 March 2007	31 July 2012
Greece	30 March 2007	31 May 2012
Grenada	12 July 2010	
Guatemala	30 March 2007	7 April 2009
Guinea	16 May 2007	8 February 2008
Guyana	11 April 2007	
Haiti		23 July 2009 (a)
Honduras	30 March 2007	14 April 2008
Hungary	30 March 2007	20 July 2007

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Iceland	30 March 2007	
India	30 March 2007	1 October 2007
Indonesia	30 March 2007	30 November 2011
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		23 October 2009 (a)
Iraq		20 March 2013(a)
Ireland	30 March 2007	
Israel	30 March 2007	28 September 2012
Italy	30 March 2007	15 May 2009
Jamaica	30 March 2007	30 March 2007
Japan	28 September 2007	
Jordan	30 March 2007	31 March 2008
Kazakhstan	11 December 2008	
Kenya	30 March 2007	19 May 2008
Kuwait		22 August 2013
Kyrgyzstan	21 September 2011	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	15 January 2008	25 September 2009
Latvia	18 July 2008	1 March 2010
Lebanon	14 June 2007	
Lesotho		2 December 2008 (a)
Liberia	30 March 2007	26 July 2012
Libya	1 May 2008	
Lithuania	30 March 2007	18 August 2010
Luxembourg	30 March 2007	26 September 2011
Madagascar	25 September 2007	
Malawi	27 September 2007	27 August 2009
Malaysia	8 April 2008	19 July 2010
Maldives	2 October 2007	5 April 2010
Mali	15 May 2007	7 April 2008
Malta	30 March 2007	10 October 2012
Mauritania		3 April 2012 (a)
Mauritius	25 September 2007	8 January 2010
Mexico	30 March 2007	17 December 2007
Micronesia (Federated States of)	23 September 2011	
Monaco	23 September 2009	
Mongolia		13 May 2009 (a)
Montenegro	27 September 2007	2 November 2009
Morocco	30 March 2007	8 April 2009
Mozambique	30 March 2007	30 January 2012
Myanmar		7 December 2011 (a)

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Namibia	25 April 2007	4 December 2007
Nauru		27 June 2012 (a)
Nepal	3 January 2008	7 May 2010
Netherlands	30 March 2007	
New Zealand	30 March 2007	25 September 2008
Nicaragua	30 March 2007	7 December 2007
Niger	30 March 2007	24 June 2008
Nigeria	30 March 2007	24 September 2010
Norway	30 March 2007	3 June 2013
Oman	17 March 2008	6 January 2009
Pakistan	25 September 2008	5 July 2011
Palau	20 September 2011	11 June 2013
Panama	30 March 2007	7 August 2007
Papua New Guinea	2 June 2011	
Paraguay	30 March 2007	3 September 2008
Peru	30 March 2007	30 January 2008
Philippines	25 September 2007	15 April 2008
Poland	30 March 2007	25 September 2012
Portugal	30 March 2007	23 September 2009
Qatar	9 July 2007	13 May 2008
Republic of Korea	30 March 2007	11 December 2008
Republic of Moldova	30 March 2007	21 September 2010
Romania	26 September 2007	31 January 2011
Russian Federation	24 September 2008	25 September 2012
Rwanda		15 December 2008 (a)
San Marino	30 March 2007	22 February 2008
Saudi Arabia		24 June 2008 (a)
Senegal	25 April 2007	7 September 2010
Serbia	17 December 2007	31 July 2009
Seychelles	30 March 2007	2 October 2009
Sierra Leone	30 March 2007	4 October 2010
Singapore	30 November 2012	18 July 2013
Slovakia	26 September 2007	26 May 2010
Slovenia	30 March 2007	24 April 2008
Solomon Islands	23 September 2008	
South Africa	30 March 2007	30 November 2007
Spain	30 March 2007	3 December 2007
Sri Lanka	30 March 2007	
St. Lucia	22 September 2011	

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		29 October 2010 (a)
Sudan	30 March 2007	24 April 2009
Suriname	30 March 2007	
Swaziland	25 September 2007	24 September 2012
Sweden	30 March 2007	15 December 2008
Syrian Arab Republic	30 March 2007	10 July 2009
Thailand	30 March 2007	29 July 2008
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	30 March 2007	29 December 2011
Togo	23 September 2008	1 March 2011
Tonga	15 November 2007	
Trinidad and Tobago	27 September 2007	
Tunisia	30 March 2007	2 April 2008
Turkey	30 March 2007	28 September 2009
Turkmenistan		4 September 2008 (a)
Uganda	30 March 2007	25 September 2008
Ukraine	24 September 2008	4 February 2010
United Arab Emirates	8 February 2008	19 March 2010
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	30 March 2007	8 June 2009
United Republic of Tanzania	30 March 2007	10 November 2009
United States of America	30 July 2009	
Uruguay	3 April 2007	11 February 2009
Uzbekistan	27 February 2009	
Vanuatu	17 May 2007	23 October 2008
Viet Nam	22 October 2007	
Yemen	30 March 2007	26 March 2009
Zambia	9 May 2008	1 February 2010

B. States parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Afghanistan		18 September 2012 (a)
Algeria	30 March 2007	
Andorra	27 April 2007	
Antigua and Barbuda	30 March 2007	
Argentina	30 March 2007	2 September 2008
Armenia	30 March 2007	
Australia		21 August 2009 (a)

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Austria	30 March 2007	26 September 2008
Azerbaijan	9 January 2008	28 January 2009
Bangladesh		12 May 2008 (a)
Belgium	30 March 2007	2 July 2009
Benin	8 February 2008	5 July 2012
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	13 August 2007	16 November 2009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29 July 2009	12 March 2010
Brazil	30 March 2007	1 August 2008
Bulgaria	18 December 2008	
Burkina Faso	23 May 2007	23 July 2009
Burundi	26 April 2007	
Cambodia	1 October 2007	
Cameroon	1 October 2008	
Central African Republic	9 May 2007	
Chile	30 March 2007	29 July 2008
Congo	30 March 2007	
Cook Islands		8 May 2009 (a)
Costa Rica	30 March 2007	1 October 2008
Côte d'Ivoire	7 June 2007	
Croatia	30 March 2007	15 August 2007
Cyprus	30 March 2007	27 June 2011
Czech Republic	30 March 2007	
Djibouti		18 June 2012 (a)
Dominica		1 October 2012 (a)
Dominican Republic	30 March 2007	18 August 2009
Ecuador	30 March 2007	3 April 2008
El Salvador	30 March 2007	14 December 2007
Estonia		30 May 2012 (a)
Fiji	2 June 2010	
Finland	30 March 2007	
France	23 September 2008	18 February 2010
Gabon	25 September 2007	
Georgia	10 July 2009	
Germany	30 March 2007	24 February 2009
Ghana	30 March 2007	31 July 2012
Greece	27 September 2007	31 May 2012
Guatemala	30 March 2007	7 April 2009
Guinea	31 August 2007	8 February 2008
Haiti		23 July 2009 (a)

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Honduras	23 August 2007	16 August 2010
Hungary	30 March 2007	20 July 2007
Iceland	30 March 2007	
Italy	30 March 2007	15 May 2009
Jamaica	30 March 2007	
Jordan	30 March 2007	
Kazakhstan	11 December 2008	
Latvia	22 January 2010	31 August 2010
Lebanon	14 June 2007	
Liberia	30 March 2007	
Lithuania	30 March 2007	18 August 2010
Luxembourg	30 March 2007	26 September 2011
Madagascar	25 September 2007	
Mali	15 May 2007	7 April 2008
Malta	30 March 2007	12 October 2012
Mauritania		3 April 2012 (a)
Mauritius	25 September 2007	
Mexico	30 March 2007	17 December 2007
Mongolia		13 May 2009 (a)
Montenegro	27 September 2007	2 November 2009
Morocco		8 April 2009 (a)
Mozambique		30 January 2012 (a)
Namibia	25 April 2007	4 December 2007
Nepal	3 January 2008	7 May 2010
Nicaragua	21 October 2008	2 February 2010
Niger	2 August 2007	24 June 2008
Nigeria	30 March 2007	24 September 2010
Palau		11 June 2013
Panama	30 March 2007	7 August 2007
Paraguay	30 March 2007	3 September 2008
Peru	30 March 2007	30 January 2008
Portugal	30 March 2007	23 September 2009
Qatar	9 July 2007	
Romania	25 September 2008	
Rwanda		15 December 2008 (a)
San Marino	30 March 2007	22 February 2008
Saudi Arabia		24 June 2008 (a)
Senegal	25 April 2007	
Serbia	17 December 2007	31 July 2009

Participant	*Signature*	*Formal confirmation (c), accession (a), ratification*
Seychelles	30 March 2007	
Sierra Leone	30 March 2007	
Slovakia	26 September 2007	26 May 2010
Slovenia	30 March 2007	24 April 2008
Solomon Islands	24 September 2009	
South Africa	30 March 2007	30 November 2007
Spain	30 March 2007	3 December 2007
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		29 October 2010 (a)
Sudan		24 April 2009 (a)
Swaziland	25 September 2007	24 September 2012
Sweden	30 March 2007	15 December 2008
Syrian Arab Republic		10 July 2009 (a)
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	29 July 2009	29 December 2011
Togo	23 September 2008	1 March 2011
Tunisia	30 March 2007	2 April 2008
Turkey	28 September 2009	
Turkmenistan		10 November 2010 (a)
Uganda	30 March 2007	25 September 2008
Ukraine	24 September 2008	4 February 2010
United Arab Emirates	12 February 2008	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	26 February 2009	7 August 2009
United Republic of Tanzania	29 September 2008	10 November 2009
Uruguay		28 October 2011 (a)
Yemen	11 April 2007	26 March 2009
Zambia	29 September 2008	

Annex II

Submission of reports by States parties under article 35 of the Convention, as at 13 September 2013

State party	*Entry into force (date of ratification +30 days)*	*Date due*	*Date received*	*Date examined*
Afghanistan	18 October 2012	18 October 2014		
Albania	11 March 2013	11 March 2015		
Algeria	4 January 2010	4 January 2012		
Argentina	2 October 2008	2 October 2010	6 October 2010	19 September 2012
Armenia	22 October 2010	22 October 2012	21 January 2013	
Australia	17 August 2008	17 August 2010	3 December 2010	4 September 2013
Austria	26 October 2008	26 October 2010	2 November 2010	3 September 2013
Azerbaijan	27 February 2009	27 February 2011	16 February 2011	
Bahrain	22 October 2011	22 October 2013		
Bangladesh	30 December 2007	30 December 2009		
Barbados	27 March 2013	27 March 2015		
Belgium	2 August 2009	2 August 2011	28 July 2011	
Belize	2 July 2011	2 July 2013		
Benin	5 August 2012	5 August 2014		
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	16 December 2009	16 December 2011		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12 April 2010	12 April 2012	5 March 2013	
Brazil	1 September 2008	1 September 2010	25 May 2012	
Bulgaria	22 April 2012	22 April 2014		
Burkina Faso	23 August 2009	23 August 2011		
Cambodia	20 January 2013	20 January 2015		
Canada	11 April 2010	11 April 2012		
Cape Verde	10 November 2011	10 November 2012		
Chile	29 August 2008	29 August 2010	14 August 2012	
China	1 September 2008	1 September 2010	30 August 2010	18 September 2012
Colombia	10 June 2011	10 June 2013	11 June 2013	
Cook Islands	8 June 2009	8 June 2011	9 December 2011	
Costa Rica	1 November 2008	1 November 2010	29 March 2011	
Croatia	15 September 2007	15 September 2009	27 October 2011	
Cuba	6 October 2007	6 October 2009		
Cyprus	27 July 2011	27 July 2013	2 August 2013	
Czech Republic	28 October 2009	28 October 2011	1 November 2011	
Denmark	24 August 2009	24 August 2011	24 August 2011	
Djibouti	18 July 2012	18 July 2014		

State party	*Entry into force (date of ratification +30 days)*	*Date due*	*Date received*	*Date examined*
Dominica	1 November 2012	1 November 2013		
Dominican Republic	18 September 2009	18 September 2011	5 December 2011	
Ecuador	3 May 2008	3 May 2010	8 September 2011	
Egypt	14 May 2008	14 May 2010		
El Salvador	14 January 2008	14 January 2010	5 January 2011	6 September 2013
Estonia	30 June 2012	30 June 2014		
Ethiopia	7 August 2010	7 August 2012	8 January 2013	
European Union	23 January 2011	23 January 2013		
France	18 March 2010	18 March 2012		
Gabon	1 November 2007	1 November 2009	4 October 2013	
Germany	24 March 2009	24 March 2011	19 September 2011	
Ghana	31 August 2012	31 August 2014		
Greece	30 June 2012	30 June 2014		
Guatemala	7 May 2009	7 May 2011	16 October 2013	
Guinea	8 March 2008	8 March 2010		
Haiti	23 August 2009	23 August 2011		
Honduras	14 May 2008	14 May 2010		
Hungary	20 August 2007	20 August 2009	14 October 2010	20 September 2012
India	1 November 2007	1 November 2009		
Indonesia	30 December 2011	30 December 2013		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	23 November 2009	23 November 2011		
Iraq	20 April 2013	20 April 2015		
Israel	28 October 2012	28 October 2014		
Italy	15 June 2009	15 June 2011	21 January 2013	
Jamaica	30 April 2007	30 April 2009		
Jordan	30 April 2008	30 April 2010	3 October 2012	
Kenya	19 June 2008	19 June 2010	3 April 2012	
Kuwait	22 September 2013	22 September 2015		
Lao People's Democratic Republic	25 October 2009	25 October 2011		
Latvia	1 April 2010	1 April 2012		
Lesotho	2 January 2009	2 January 2011		
Liberia	26 August 2012	26 August 2014		
Lithuania	18 September 2010	18 September 2012	18 September 2012	
Luxembourg	26 October 2011	26 October 2013		
Malawi	27 September 2009	27 September 2011		
Malaysia	19 August 2010	19 August 2012		
Maldives	5 May 2010	5 May 2012		
Mali	7 May 2008	7 May 2010		

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Malta	10 November 2012	10 November 2014		
Mauritania	3 May 2012	3 May 2014		
Mauritius	8 February 2010	8 February 2012		
Mexico	17 January 2008	17 January 2010	27 April 2011	
Mongolia	13 June 2009	13 June 2011	8 December 2011	
Montenegro	2 December 2009	2 December 2011		
Morocco	8 May 2009	8 May 2011		
Mozambique	28 February 2012	28 February 2014		
Myanmar	7 January 2012	7 January 2014		
Namibia	4 January 2008	4 January 2010		
Nauru	27 July 2012	27 July 2014		
Nepal	7 June 2010	7 June 2012		
New Zealand	25 October 2008	25 October 2010	31 March 2011	
Nicaragua	7 January 2008	7 January 2010		
Niger	24 July 2008	24 July 2010		
Nigeria	24 October 2010	24 October 2012		
Norway	3 July 2013	3 July 2015		
Oman	6 February 2009	6 February 2011		
Pakistan	5 August 2011	5 August 2013		
Palau	11 July 2013	11 July 2015		
Panama	7 September 2007	7 September 2009		
Paraguay	3 October 2008	3 October 2010	21 October 2010	15 April 2013
Peru	27 February 2008	27 February 2010	8 July 2010	17 April 2012
Philippines	15 May 2008	15 May 2010		
Poland	25 October 2012	25 October 2014		
Portugal	23 October 2009	23 October 2011	8 August 2012	
Qatar	13 June 2008	13 June 2010	19 June 2012	
Republic of Korea	11 January 2009	11 January 2011	27 June 2011	
Republic of Moldova	21 October 2010	21 October 2012	15 January 2013	
Romania	27 February 2011	27 February 2013		
Russian Federation	25 October 2012	25 October 2014		
Rwanda	15 January 2009	15 January 2011		
San Marino	22 March 2008	22 March 2010		
Saudi Arabia	24 July 2008	24 July 2010		
Senegal	7 October 2010	7 October 2012		
Serbia	31 August 2009	31 August 2011	20 June 2012	
Seychelles	2 November 2009	2 November 2011		
Sierra Leone	4 November 2010	4 November 2012		
Singapore	18 August 2013	18 August 2015		

State party	*Entry into force (date of ratification +30 days)*	*Date due*	*Date received*	*Date examined*
Slovakia	26 June 2010	26 June 2012	26 June 2012	
Slovenia	24 May 2008	24 May 2010		
South Africa	30 December 2007	30 December 2009		
Spain	3 January 2008	3 January 2010	3 May 2010	20 September 2011
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	29 November 2010	29 November 2012		
Sudan	24 May 2009	24 May 2011		
Swaziland	25 October 2012	25 October 2014		
Sweden	15 January 2009	15 January 2011	7 February 2011	
Syrian Arab Republic	10 August 2009	10 August 2011		
Thailand	29 August 2008	29 August 2010	3 December 2012	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	29 January 2012	29 January 2014		
Togo	1 April 2011	1 April 2013		
Tunisia	2 May 2008	2 May 2010	1 July 2010	12 April 2011
Turkey	28 October 2009	28 October 2011		
Turkmenistan	4 October 2008	4 October 2010	5 December 2011	
Uganda	25 October 2008	25 October 2010	22 January 2013	
Ukraine	4 March 2010	4 March 2012	12 April 2012	
United Arab Emirates	19 April 2010	19 April 2012	24 January 2013	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8 July 2009	8 July 2011	24 November 2011	
United Republic of Tanzania	10 December 2009	10 December 2011		
Uruguay	11 March 2009	11 March 2011	21 March 2013	
Vanuatu	23 November 2008	23 November 2010		
Yemen	26 April 2009	26 April 2011		
Zambia	1 March 2010	1 March 2012		

Annex III

Members of the Committee, as at 13 September 2013

Name	*Nationality*	*Term expires*
Mohammed AL-TARAWNEH	Jordan	31.12.2016
Monthian BUNTAN	Thailand	31.12.2016
Maria Soledad CISTERNAS REYES (Chairperson)	Chile	31.12.2016
Theresia DEGENER (Vice-Chairperson)	Germany	31.12.2014
Hyung Shik KIM	Republic of Korea	31.12.2014
Lofti Ben LALLAHOM	Tunisia	31.12.2014
Stig LANGVAD	Denmark	31.12.2014
László Gábor LOVASZY	Hungary	31.12.2016
Edah Wangechi MAINA	Kenya	31.12.2014
Ronald MCCALLUM (Vice-Chairperson)	Australia	31.12.2014
Diane MULLIGAN	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	31.12.2016
Martin Babu MWESIGWA (Rapporteur)	Uganda	31.12.2016
Safak PAVEY	Turkey	31.12.2016
Ana PELAEZ NARVAEZ	Spain	31.12.2016
Silvia Judith QUAN-CHANG	Guatemala	31.12.2016
Carlos RIOS ESPINOSA (Vice-Chairperson)	Mexico	31.12.2014
Damjan TATIC	Serbia	31.12.2014
Germán Xavier TORRES CORREA	Ecuador	31.12.2014

Annex IV

Decisions adopted by the Committee during its tenth session

1. To offer States parties the reports of which were considered at the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sessions the possibility of submitting combined second and third reports.

2. To offer State parties the reports of which have already been considered at previous sessions the possibility of opting for the simplified reporting procedure in relation to their periodic reports.

3. To grant civil society and other stakeholders the possibility of providing comments on its two draft general comments on equal recognition before the law (art. 12) and accessibility (art. 9), until 31 January 2014.

4. To prepare a letter addressed to the Chair of the Human Rights Committee to express its concerns about the alleged incompatibility of paragraph 19 of the draft general comment on the right to liberty and security, prepared by the Human Rights Committee, with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

5. To prepare a letter to the open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners expressing the Committee's concerns about the perceived incompatibility of some of the draft revised provisions of the Standard Minimum Rules with the Convention.

6. To appoint Diane Mulligan and Mohammed Al-Tarawneh to represent the Committee at a meeting with the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in Bristol, United Kingdom. The Committee also instructed the Secretariat to attend that meeting.

7. To reaffirm its support to the treaty body strengthening process, welcoming the fact that the draft elements included a reference to the accessibility of the treaty bodies meetings for persons with disabilities and the requirement of reasonable accommodation for experts with disabilities, and draft a letter in support of the process.

8. To appoint two new country rapporteurs and confirm the appointment of the following country rapporteurs for its upcoming eleventh session scheduled to take place in April 2014. For concluding observations, they are: Sweden: Stig Langvad; Azerbaijan: Mwesigwa Martin Babu; and Costa Rica: Silvia Quan-Chang. For lists of issues, they are: New Zealand: Ron McCallum; Mexico: Ana Peláez Narváez; Republic of Korea: Monthian Buntan; Belgium: Lotfi Ben Lallahom; Denmark: Mwesigwa Martin Babu; Ecuador: Carlos Ríos Espinosa; Germany: Diane Mulligan.

9. To adopt a statement on persons with disabilities being forgotten victims of the Syrian conflict.

Annex V

Working groups and rapporteurs of the Committee

Working group on accessibility (article 9)

Chair: Mohammed Al-Tarawneh

Vice-Chair: Damjan Tatic

Members: Lotfi Ben Lallahom, and Monthian Buntan

Working group on equal recognition before the law (article 12)

Chair: Theresia Degener

Members: Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Ronald McCallum and Carlos Rios Espinosa

Working group on access to public transportation and airline policies

Chair: Mohammed Al-Tarawneh

Members: Lotfi Ben Lallahom and Carlos Rios Espinosa

Working group on communications and inquiries

Members: Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Theresia Degener, Damjan Tatic, Ron McCallum, Carlos Rios Espinosa

Working group on women and girls with disabilities (article 6)

Chair: Ana Peláez Narváez

Members: Theresia Degener, Silvia Judith Quan-Chang, Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Diane Mulligan and Safak Pavey

Rapporteur on follow-up to concluding observations

Diane Mulligan

Rapporteur on new communications

Carlos Rios Espinosa

Rapporteur on follow-up to views on communications

Safak Pavey